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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 6055

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SUNOBE CALLED ON ME MAY 19 TO REQUEST OUR ASSESSMENT OF INDONESIAN REACTION TO VIETNAMESE EVENTS. REFERRING TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, IN WHICH MALIK CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US BASES IN AREA AND SUGGESTED GOI WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH NEW INDOCHINESE STATES, SUNOBE ASKED WHETHER IN OUR VIEWS THIS REPRESENTED INDONESIAN POLICY. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER WE FORESAW ANY INDONESIAN PRESSURES TO DECREASE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA.

2. I REPLIED TO AMBASSADOR SUNOBE THAT MALIK'S STATEMENTS, WHILE THEY UNDOUBTEDLY REPRESENT PERSONAL VIEW, WERE PROBABLY ALSO DESIGNED TO HELP INDONESIAN RELATIONS WITH NEW GOVERNMENTS IN INDOCHINA. FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH SENIOR INDONESIAN MILITARY OFFICERS, HOWEVER, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THEY TAKE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT VIEW AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED. WHILE NOT DENYING THAT INDONESIA WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE TO LIVE WITH THESE COUNTRIES, THEY TEND TO THINK FIRST IN TERMS OF STRENGTHENING INDONESIA'S INTERNAL SECURITY AND ACCELERATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS PROTECTION AGAINST SUBVERSION. NOT ONLY HAS THERE  
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BEEN NO SUGGESTION OF ANY WITHDRAWAL OF OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, PRESIDENT

SUHARTO AND MILITARY LEADERS CONTINUE SHOW GREAT INTEREST IN US RELATIONSHIP. OUR PROGRAM THIS YEAR SLIGHTLY MORE THAN LAST AND SUPPLEMENTED BY SALES. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN ANY EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, OF GOI BUDGETARY SHIFTS SUGGESTING GREATER MILITARY PROCUREMENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON CHINA, I SAID ALL INDICATIONS TO US ARE THAT INDONESIA WOULD STILL MOVE VERY SLOWLY TOWARD RESUMPTION RELATIONS WITH CHINA. IF THERE IS ANY CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNIST STATES IN NEAR FUTURE, IT WILL BE WITH INDOCHINESE GOVERNMENTS.

4. AMBASSADOR SUNOBE COMMENTED THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES HAD NOT ACCOMPLISHED MUCH AT LATEST MINISTERIAL MEETING. I SUGGESTED THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED SOME SIGNIFICANT MATTERS BUT WERE PERHAPS RESERVING FINAL DECISIONS TO ANTICIPATED SUMMIT. ON QUESTION OF FOREIGN BASES AND ZONE OF PEACE, WE UNDERSTOOD MALIK, IN CONTRAST TO HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, HAD NOT PRESSED AT ASEAN MEETING FOR REMOVAL OF AMERICAN PRESENCE.

5. SUNOBE CONFIRMED TO ME THAT SUHARTO WILL VISIT JAPAN JULY 7 FOR INFORMAL TALKS WITH JAPANESE PM FOLLOWING VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA.

6. COMMENT: I HAD IMPRESSION AMBASSADOR SUNOBE'S VIEW OF INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENTS BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS. PERHAPS COMMERCIALLY ORIENTED JAPANESE PAY LESS ATTENTION TO OR HAVE FEWER CONTACTS IN INDONESIAN POLITICAL AND MILITARY CIRCLES OR ELSE THEY ARE NOT SHARING ANY PROFOUND ASSESSMENTS WITH US. GIVEN WEAKNESS OF JAPANESE EMBASSY STAFFING OF POLITICAL SIDE (EXCEPT FOR FIRST SECRETARY YANAI WHO RECENTLY AT GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE) FORMER EXPLANATION APPEARS MORE LIKELY. NEWSOM

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